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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan
To: NAVFORJAPAN

Subj: CNFJ SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT

1. "Be Safe!" This phrase can mean different things to different people. This letter is written so that all hands will know what I mean when I say "Be Safe."
2. *Be safe* means taking care of the mission. The mission is why we are here. When a job is done safely, it's done correctly, and doing the job correctly means getting the mission accomplished right the first time.
3. *Be safe* means taking care of your shipmates and family. Examples are: Correct unsafe behavior when witnessed, especially when out on liberty or on leave. Remind everyone in the car to buckle up. Report unsafe conditions around the base to your host safety office.
4. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, *Be safe* means taking care of yourself. Sometimes the difference between no accident and a serious accident is a choice. Know what the risks are before you start any task. Make the right choices by putting into place controls to reduce the risk to a manageable level.
5. Everyone has the right, indeed the requirement, to participate in the safety program. No one should be reluctant to push safety related issues up the chain of command.
6. I ask that this policy be placed on bulletin boards so that everyone can read it. As I visit your activity, show me that you understand this policy by being "the" example of safety. If you have any questions about the safety program, please contact my Safety Director, Mr. Winton "Winky" White at DSN 243-6540 or email at white.winton@cnfj.navy.mil.


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